question at the rate of 10 per cent higher than their normal replenishment rate, i.e. 11 per cent as against the normal rate of 10 per cent.

Repair of SCI vessels by foreign Shipyards

1834. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2/3rd expenditure of Shipping Corporation of India is being spent on repair of their vessels in foreign countries;

(b) what are the reasons for the SCI prefering the foreign shipyards as compared to Indian shipyards for repairing the vessels; and

(c) what steps are being taken to minimise flow of orders from SCI to foreign shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The vessels are sent by SCI abroad for drydocking and repairs only when the required facilities are not available in India. There is a provision of Rs. 24 70 crores in the 7th Plan for improvement and modernisation of ship repair facilities in the country.

Deaths due to Measles in Madhya Pradesh

1835. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of children have died on account of measles in Madhya Pradesh during May June this year;

(b) if so, the number of children afflicted with the disease in that State and those who died of it during the period and in what manner these figures compare with corresponding figures, with respect to other States/Union Territories; and

(c) what is the quantum of Central aid given to each State and Union Territory for containing and eradicating this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Information is being collected. Will be laid on the Table.

(c) Measles vaccination has been started to control the disease in the children since 1985-86 under the Immunization Mission. Out of the total districts of 448 in all States and Union Territories 307 districts are covered under Immunization Mission upto 1988-89. Rest of the districts will be covered by 1989-90. A target of 85 per cent coverage of infants with Measles has been given to the districts for the year 1988-89. Under central aid Measles vaccine is supplied to States/UTs. free of cost as shown in the Statement.

Allocation of measles vaccine during 1988-89

State	(Figures in lakh doses)
Andhra Pradesh	10.42
Assam	2.62
Bihar	20.00
Gujarat	5.29
Haryana	5.95
Himachal Pradesh	1.57
Jammu & Kashmir	2.20
Karnataka	3.20
Kerala	5 78
Madhya Pradesh	12.00
Maharashtra	13.72